

III. REMARKS

The present supplemental amendment is being presented in view of the Advisory Action of May 21, 2007, and pursuant to a telephone interview of May 29, 2007 concerning the same.

EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY

The Examiner in charge of the present application is thanked for the courtesies extended in having a telephone interview concerning the Advisory Action with the undersigned Attorney of Record on the morning of May 29, 2007. The interview began with the undersigned contacting the Examiner and expressing a desire to simplify matters, and avoid the need to file an RCE, by essentially cancelling, without prejudice any claims still thought to raise new issues in view of the interview of May 1, 2007, the amendment of May 3, 2007, and the subsequent Advisory Action.

The Examiner was asked if cancellation of claims 38, 39 and 54, and any claims dependent therefrom, would put the case in condition for allowance. After a discussion of the case, it was agreed that these were the claims that raised new issues, and their cancellation would put the case in condition for allowance.

Applicant's attorney inquired as to whether an amendment to this effect, electronically filed the same day, would obviate the need to file an RCE. The Examiner indicated it would.

FURTHER REMARKS

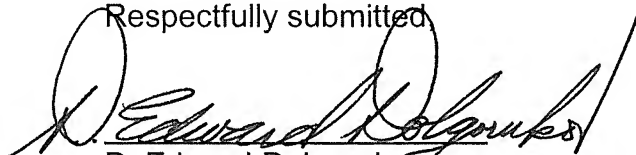
Claims 15, 20-25, 31-41 49, 50, 52, and 54-58 are currently pending in the present application. Prior to the telephone interview of May 1, 2007, claims 15 and 31-34 stood allowed.

After the telephone interview of May 1, 2007, it was agreed that claims 15, 20-25-37, 49-50, 52 and 58-58 stood allowed, while claims 1-14, 16-19, 38-48, 51 and 53-55 had been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 38, 39, and 54 were not specifically discussed during the telephone interview of May 1, 2007, but were amended in a way thought to make them allowable.

However, during the telephone interview of May 29, 2007, the Examiner pointed out the reasons why these claims would require additional searching. It was agreed that these claims would be cancelled to allow the case to issue, without prejudice to their re-introduction in a continuation application.

In view of the above amendments, and the remarks explanatory thereof, the issuing of a Notice of Allowance is courteously requested.

Respectfully submitted



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